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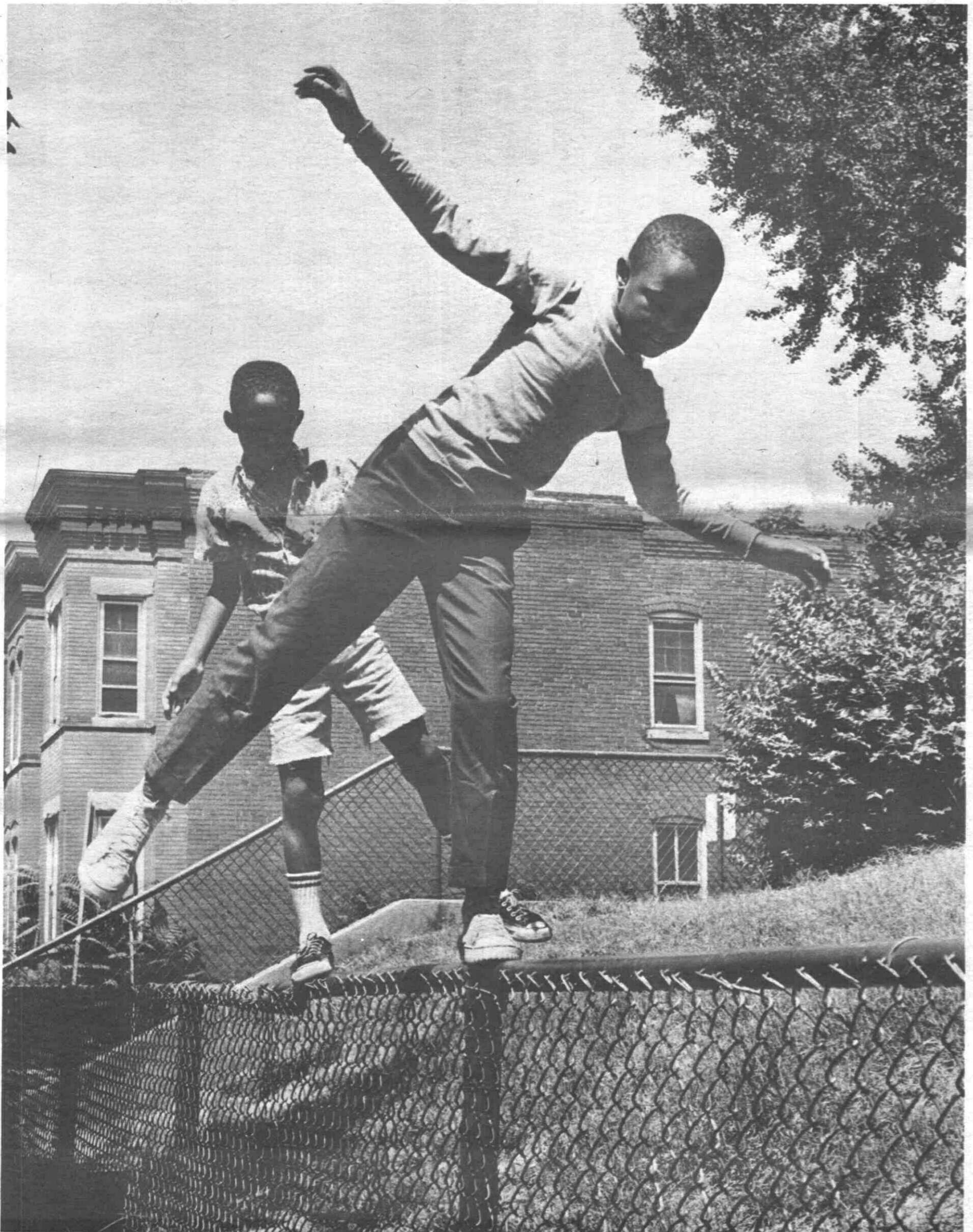


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War on rats

THE city's "War on Rats" finally got underway last month -- with appropriate hoopla in Stanton Park, including an appearance by Commissioner Washington (left) and the DC Health Department's answer to the Piped Piper (right). The program is a massive effort to eliminate the rat menace affecting much of the city. Among the benefits accruing to residents of the Stanton Park area will be more frequent garbage pickups by the Sanitation Department.



Changes at Keller

THE future of Keller Lutheran Church remained up in the air last month following the resignation of Pastor Frank Christhilf and Assistant Pastor Ed Knudsen (above). One section of the large church building at 9th & Md. Ave. NE houses the Eastern Freedom School; another wing is used extensively for community programs for neighborhood youths. With serious financial problems and a sharp decline in its predominantly white and non-resident congregation, the church is seeking meaningful new uses for its large structure. Meanwhile, as intensive discussions about the church's future were underway last month, vandals broke into the building (see photo at left) and did serious damage.

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Strike

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New CIC chairman

ABDULLAH Azeze has been elected chairman of the board of the Community Improvement Corp., the Near NE anti-poverty program. Azeze says: "I'm going to try to give the program back to the people. Housing is one of the major points I'm going to stress." Meanwhile, reports were circulating in Near NE that an effort would be made to remove William Michaels as director of the program.



A FIRE truck responding to a call last month collided with a Thunderbird at 8th & Mass. NE, resulting in injury to one person. Later in the month, police officers Michael Cody and David Hawfield were killed when their patrol wagon collided with a car at 8th & K NE. The two officers were thrown through the windshield by the impact of the crash. The driver of the car has been charged in the case.

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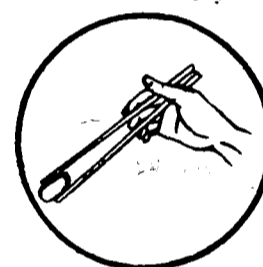
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Left to right: Red Jackson, Donald Mayo, Anthony Thompson. Not shown: Paul Fuller



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Street shower in Near SE

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MEMBERS of an art class sketching in a corridor at Southwest's L'Enfant Plaza.

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New use for the freeway

CAN the Southeast Freeway be of any benefit to the Near SE community through which it passes? Residents and community organizations in the Near SE are naturally skeptical. Yet they have recently pusued an idea which may help lessen the bad effects of the highway on the community and which could benefit the neighborhood economically and socially.

The idea calls for the development of the land which will exist under the SE Freeway overpass between 7th and 8th Sts. SE. On July 9, such a proposal was made to the Mayor's Economic Development Committee by the SE Merchants for Better Community Relations. SE Merchants is now waiting to see if this proposal will be added to the 1969 action program of MEDCO.

The plan -- calling for the use of the space for recreational, commercial or vocational training purposes (or a combination) -- has been backed by a number of neighborhood organizations. Among them: Friendship House, SE Catholic Center, Community Action

Inc., Arthur Capper Tenants Council and the Capitol East Businessman's Assn.

At a recent meeting of the SE Merchants, Julius Ben Rivlin, president of the organization, suggested the construction of a self-supporting vocational training center containing facilities to develop job skills for area residents. It soon became apparent that numerous other possibilities for development existed as well. Rev. Ralph Dwan, secretary of the group, noted that residents in the area (especially those living in Arthur Capper) would benefit greatly from commercial facilities offering staple services, such as an all-night drug store, a food store, cafeteria, laundromat etc. He also said that the youth of the area is greatly in need of a theater or other recreational facilities such as a bowling alley or roller rink.

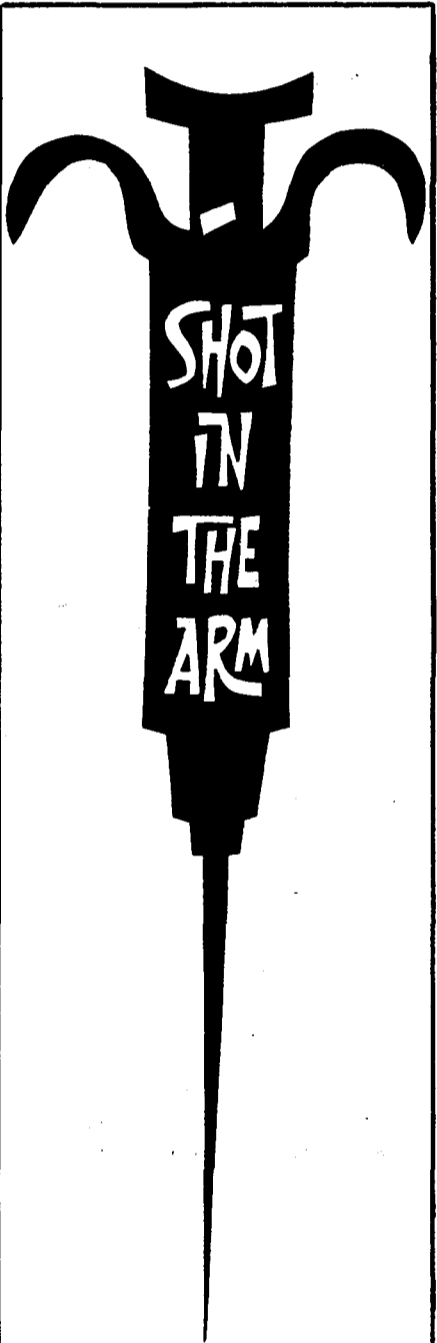
These suggestions, along with one for a recreational facility to compliment the proposed French School community center, were drawn up in the form of a preliminary draft sent out to local

community organizations. Local groups are anxious that persons in the community respond with their support and suggestions. Anyone with specific suggestions should call the SE Catholic Center, 544-0523.

Frank Sparber

SW depot

WITH aid from the Department of Transportation, a major bus terminal --includingcovered platforms -- is scheduled to be built at 9th & D SW. The terminal would have the capability of serving up to 165 buses carrying 10,000 riders per hour.



The Marine Barracks



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LITTLE progress has been made in efforts to block the expansion of the Marine Barracks in Near SE, a move that would take low income housing on the south side of I St. between 8th & 10th. A meeting was held between representatives of the Marine Corps, the National Capital Planning Commission, the City Council and the community, but the neighborhood residents present failed to obtain any solid indication that the homes would not be taken, or even that a public hearing on the matter -- something that has never been held because the NCPC approved the project in secret -- would be scheduled.

The meeting, however, did develop for the first time a clear picture of what the Marines intend to do and why. The plan is to build a five story structure that would partially overhang Eye St. --with an over-the-street passage to the existing barracks. Four hundred and twenty men would be housed there. Approximately half of this total now live in the barracks; the other s live in the Navy Yard. Together with an-

Little progress

other 400 Marines assigned to the station but living in off-base housing, they form a force two battalions strong to serve as band, ceremonial guard, administrative unit and "security detail." The Marines are close-mouthed about the size and purpose of the security detail but it appears that one of their duties is to provide protection in case of civil disturbances, which many local residents may find slightly uncivil and disturbing.

Speaking for the Marines, Navy Lieutenant Commander J. D. Kirkpatrick suggested that the Marines were doing the Eye St. residents a favor by moving them away from the noise of the freeway that abuts the back of their property. James MacRae, chairman of the Capitol East Housing Council, which has been leading the fight against the Marines, responded that this was "pure sophistry" and suggested that if the people on Eye St. wanted to get away from the freeway they could do so on their own accord.

Crime in 9th

CRIME in the 9th Precinct climbed in June but is still down significantly from a year ago. There were 466 crime index offenses committed in the 9th Precinct in June compared with 507 in June 1968.

Crime in the precinct hit a recent low in April when only 331 crimes were recorded (compared with a record high of 543 last August).

The overall record of the 9th Precinct in the last year (allowing for monthly variations) has been one of the best in the city and has helped reduce crime 11% in Capitol East in the past year.

Motel planned

THE Redevelopment Land Agency has approved plans to construct an 88-room motel on a deck over the Washington Channel in SW.

Library tour

ONLY one member of the DC Library Board of Trustees bothered to go on the tour of Capitol East sponsored by the Capitol East Community Organization last month. The tour was designed to show where satellite library branches could be opened without extensive construction. For example, the tour stopped at Kingsman School which has a library with an outside entrance. It was locked up. CECO has also drawn up guidelines for the use of community residents as volunteers in the local libraries.

H St. approved

THE City Council has approved a \$16.9 million urban renewal plan for the H St. NE area.

Casualty renamed

CASUALTY Hospital, 8th & Mass. NE, has been renamed Rogers Memorial Hospital.

New policy

ST. MARK'S Episcopal Church has approved a policy statement that indicates a change towards more community involvement by the church.

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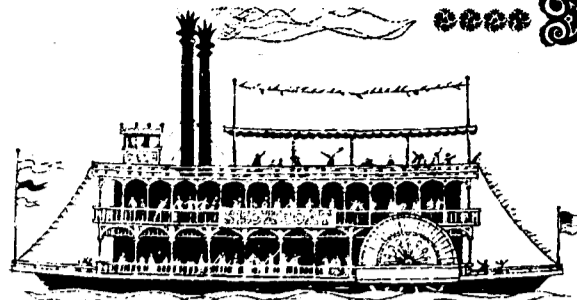
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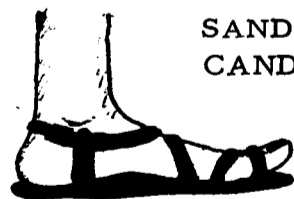
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Nagasaki Day

SEVERAL Washington area peace groups are sponsoring a march from the Capitol on August 9 (beginning at 3:30 p. m.) in memorial to the bombing of Nagasaki. The march will proceed to the Tidal Basin where there will be a rally with speeches on the Japanese-American Security Treaty, the Vietnam War and the ABM-MIRV system. Organizations supporting the march include SANE, Washington Mobilization, Washington Peace Center and the Catholic Peace Fellowship. Organizations interested in supporting this action should contact Margie Ferretti at 234-2000 or 657-3782 or Kathy Coram at 362-0037.

At the libraries

HERE'S the schedule of children's activities at local libraries in the weeks ahead:

NE BRANCH (7th & Md. NE): Children's movies, Fridays, 10:30 a. m. ; Story time, Wednesdays, 3:30 p. m.

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Art competition

THE Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol, is holding a religious art competition. Artists are invited to submit designs for church bulletin covers (5 1/2" x 8 1/2"). Designs should be symbolic in nature. Prizes of \$25 will be awarded for the best entry in each category: Easter, Lent, Christmas and General. Entries shall be identified by pseudonym, the real name and address of the artist to be attached in a sealed envelope. Entries must be in the church office by Sept. 15. Further information may be obtained at 543-4200.

Mod cabaret

TO raise money for the Community Laundries (a combination laundromat and community action program), there will be a Mod Cabaret at St. Mark's, 3rd & A SE, on July 25. Donation will be \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. The party will run from 10 p. m. to 2 a. m.

Summer in the parks



Photo by Patricia Smith Fox
TWO Back Alley Theatre players -- Pat Hill and Kirkland Young -- are among the theatre's summer cast of "Sir Percival and the Hydra." The production is Back Alley's contribution to DC's "Summer in the Park" program.

Bookmobile

A BOOKMOBILE, sponsored by the Reading is Fundamental group, is making stops in Capitol East and SW during the summer months. The only requirement for checking out a book is the borrower's name, address and phone number. Here's a list of area stops:

Tuesday a. m. : 2nd & N SW.

Thursday a. m. : Community Laun-

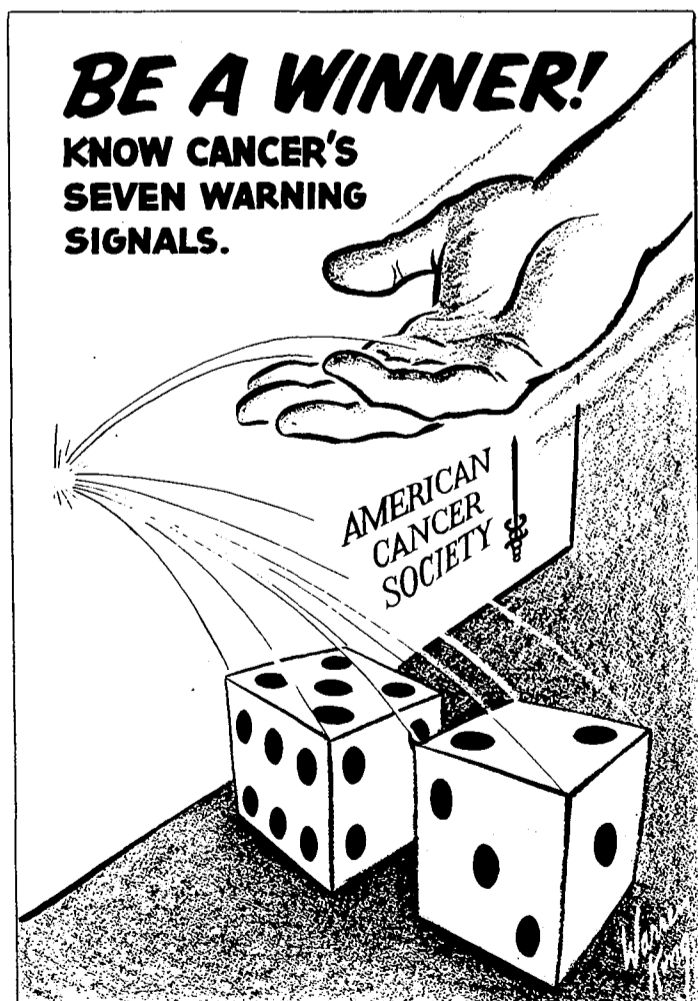
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Friday a. m. : Arthur Capper Center, 5th & K SE.

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Thursday (1 - 2:30 p. m.): Community Center, 16th & Gales NE.

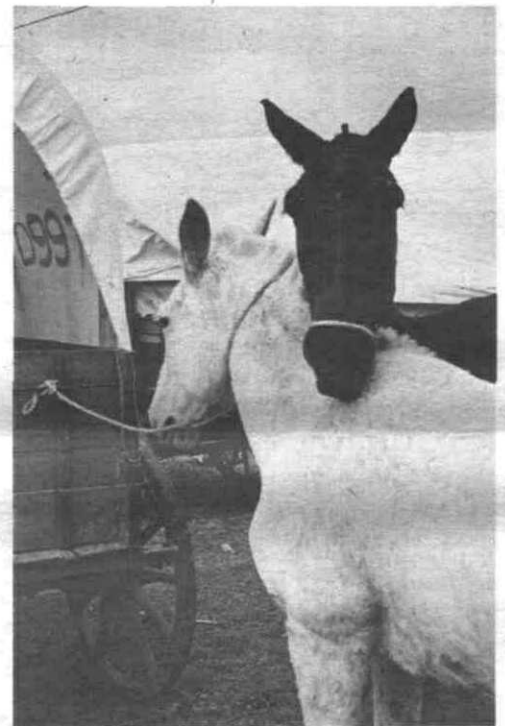
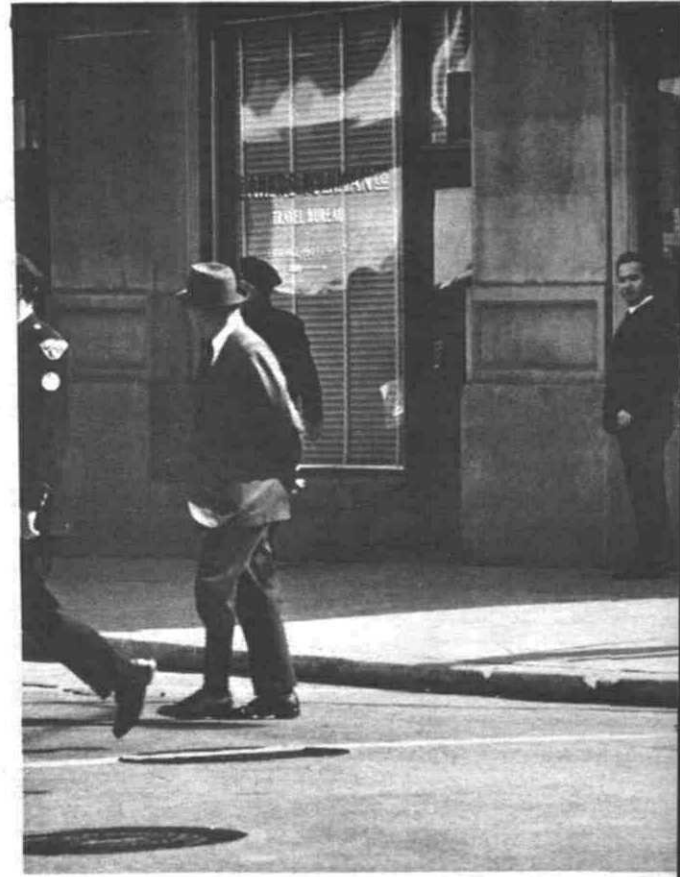
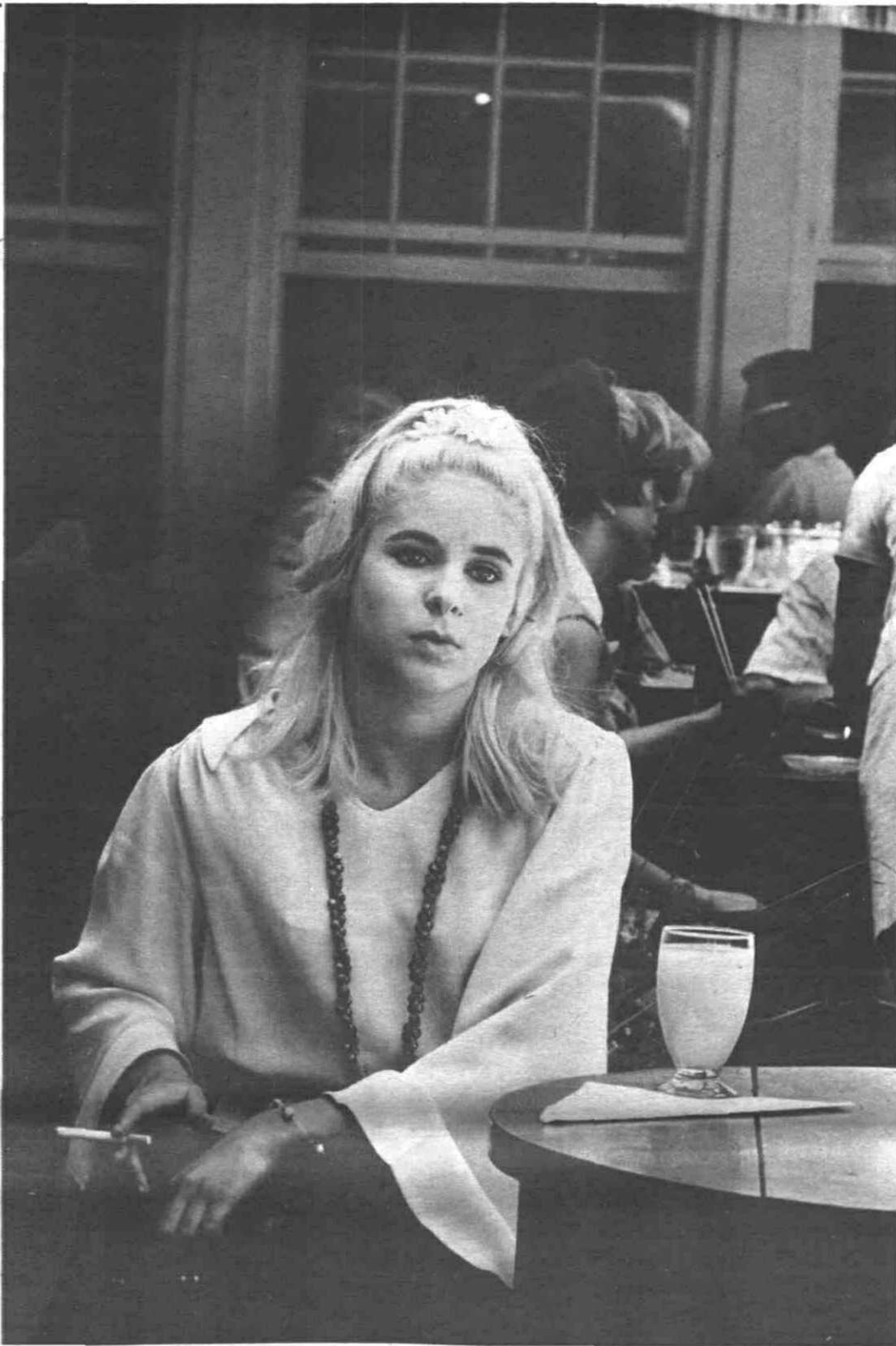
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thing about it. I shot thirty or forty rolls of film before I learned how the f-stops work. I asked people. I read. I learned. Technical skills are important, but I'd rather be in the street than in the darkroom. I have a darkroom, but I seldom use it. When it all boils down, you still have to take good pictures, and technical skills don't give you that. You have to say something worthwhile."

Roland's best pictures are simple, structured studies of people in action. Light and shadow as well as buildings, walls and trees are used to focus attention on his subject. The stopped moment is the story and there is little need for captions. His composition and his subject matter often recall the arrestingly simple photographs by French photographer Henry Cartier-Bresson and work by such people as the late Robert Capa and other members of Magnum, an international cooperative of photojournalists. Burk Uzzle, a member of Magnum, has influenced Freeman more, perhaps, than anyone else. "He'll look

game in the service. Roland's interest later waned, but was revived a decade later when he read two books by Life photographer Gordon Parks: *The Learning Tree* and *A Choice of Weapons*. "He inspired me because he was black and he made it," Roland says. "I also learned a lot from Peter Pettus, a Capitol Hill photographer and potter. And I carried my camera everywhere and took pictures of everything." The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and the riots that followed confirmed his decision. He quit his job and volunteered as a photographer to cover the Poor People's Campaign. He rode the mule train from Marks, Mississippi, to Washington and contributed to the photographic journal later published by SCLC. Afterwards, he continued as a free-lance photographer, selling his work to newspapers and magazines here and abroad. The work of four years, gathered in an exhibit called "Cross Currents," was shown at the Gallery deGaines last February.

Recently he opened a studio on the Hill, which he uses when he needs plain backdrops and also for nude photography. Mostly, however, he prefers to shoot unposed pictures on location. His approach to taking portraits, for instance, is informal. He will spend an entire day with a family, photographing the children and parents as they are seen every day. For \$150, he will provide ten 8 x 10 glossy photographs chosen from his proof sheets.

Mostly, however, Roland is out on the streets, gathering a series of pictures that he hopes will interest the giants of photojournalism -- Life or Look -- in his work and enable him to concentrate on this form of photography. With this photo essay, he hopes to place himself more firmly in the ranks of concerned photographers and perhaps to be worthy of an association with Magnum.

Roland Freeman: eye on the streets

ROLAND Freeman, the Gazette's photo editor, places himself in a tradition of concerned photographers who consider themselves witnesses to their times. "I've always been aware of lost souls," he says. "I was one myself. They're America's waste. They've always been there, and they've never been taken care of. I'm hung up about them. Not just black folk. I'm hung up on all kinds of people."

He wants to tell their story through his photography in "blow-your-mind-type" photographs. "To do it, he spends most of his time in the streets, talking to people and taking pictures of whatever interests him. In the process, he is developing his eye. "After awhile it comes automatically," he says of the technical elements of photography. "You don't think about it. You stop, wait, see and shoot. That's when you start taking pictures that speak right to you."

Currently, Roland is devoting all his time between assignments to photographing life in the ghetto. "This is my view of the world I am most interested in," he says, explaining why he has spent so much time and money on the project. "It's something in my gut

that I want to say. It's something of value, and you need something of value to carry you."

"Since February," he continues, "I've been wandering around Baltimore, where I grew up, taking pictures of any bloody thing I see that's interesting. I'd been doing so much assigned work, which is hurried and pressured, that I had to be out there with people for two or three months before I took a photograph that I was satisfied with. Now from twenty or thirty rolls of film, I get maybe five good pictures. I want 125."

A rundown of his biography helps explain why the story Roland hopes his photography will tell is found on the streets. By the time he was twelve, he had already held jobs delivering newspapers, shining shoes and helping on junk and watermelon wagons. In the next three years, he traveled with a small carnival, worked as a migrant laborer and even rode the rails. He returned home to settle on a small tobacco farm, and when he turned 18, enlisted in the Air Force. These four years, most of which were spent in Paris, introduced him to photography, the arts and to folk music. When he came back to the states, he worked at several jobs while dabbling in art and folk music. Just before he quit everything to devote himself entirely to photography, he managed a garage for Rightway Enterprises, which trains and employs the hard-core unemployed in its car wash and filling station.

As a photographer, Roland is mostly self-taught. "I've always just gone out and done it and then come back to learn what I've done," he says.

"When I first picked up a 35-millimeter camera, I didn't know any-

at one of my photographs and say 'You almost got it. Now here's what you should have done.' He introduced me to Magnum and made me aware of what photography could be, other than smile-for-the-birdie type of pictures."

This decisive friendship crystallized a decision to devote himself fully to photography that had been building ever since the early fifties when he won a Brownie Hawkeye camera in a dice



TWO hundred photographs by six photographers concerned about the human condition are on display at the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building through August 24.

The six are: Werner Bischof, Robert Capa, Leonard Freed, Andrew Kertesz, David Seymour and Dan Weiner. There is an admission charge of 50¢ with proceeds going to the Anacostia Neighborhood Museum. The building is open daily from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Classified ads

THE GAZETTE will publish short announcements from civic groups free of charge. Other classified ads: 5¢ a word. Display classified \$2 an inch for individuals and commercial establishments. \$1 an inch for civic groups. Send payment with ad to the Gazette, 109 8th St. NE to arrive no later than the 20th of the month.

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PART-TIME (approx. 15 hrs per week) in own home (Hill area) for local pre-school. Call 544-2128 weekdays.

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Student to live-in with Capitol Hill family beginning September 1. Free room and board in exchange for 20 hours day child care per week. Nights occasionally. Must enjoy children, be resourceful, responsible. A good situation for the right person. Write 154 North Carolina Ave. SE giving resume, details.

Job wanted

WANT to place good babysitter four mornings a week. If interested call 547-5745.

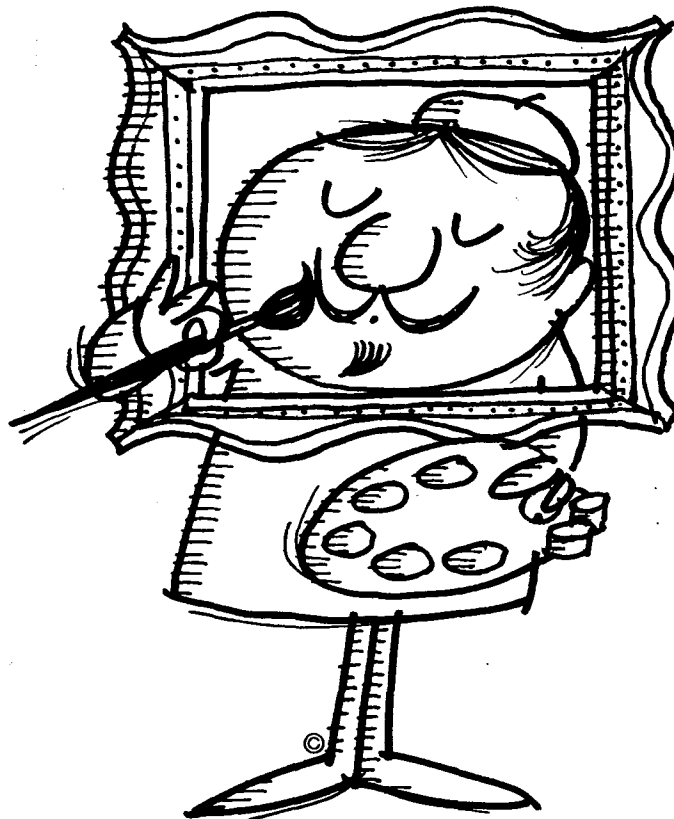
Misc.

ARTIST NEEDS STUDIO, part time, willing to share. Must have running water and lights. Call Sheldon Gilbert, 225-4472 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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SEEK singles and couples to play serious contract bridge. 546-7196.

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CAPITOL EAST COOKS ...

SOUL FOOD



Mary Lanier

Fried Chicken

Wash and quarter two chickens. Soak in salt water for at least 1/2 hour. Drain and wash again. Season chicken with salt, pepper, and paprika. Roll in flour. Place 1 1/2 to 2 lbs. shortening in deep-sided skillet or boiling pot and heat until very hot. Place chicken in the deep fat and cook until golden brown, about 1/2 hour. Then place in turned-off hot oven to drain off excess fat. Serves eight.

VARIATION: After soaking chicken in salt water, let it stand in burgundy wine with salt, pepper, and paprika added for at least one hour or over night. Then, in place of flour, roll chicken in batter consisting of 2 cups of flour, 4 eggs, and 2 cups of milk or burgundy wine, used as marinade above. Cook as above.



Corn Bread

1 lb. corn meal
1 heaping tablespoon baking powder
2 heaping tablespoons sugar
3 eggs
2 heaping tablespoons flour
1 1/2 to 2 cups milk
dash of salt

Combine. Place batter in muffin tin greased with combination of shortening and butter or margarine. Bake at 350 degrees about 12-15 minutes.

VARIATION: To make crackling bread, cut uncooked fat from ham or pork chops and chop into small pieces. Place in hot oven until grease is rendered and bits are golden brown. Add to corn bread batter.

Mary Lanier had to puzzle a little over the proportions for these recipes. She seldom uses less than five pounds of potatoes in making potato salad to have on hand to feed the eight children at her table; five her own and three more she has taken on.

Several months ago, she made this entire dinner plus a few other items for about 175 people to help with the local fund raising drive for the Experiment in International Living.

We talked recipes on one of July's blistering hot days in the surprisingly cool and airy basement of one of Arthur Capper's apartment houses. Formerly used for storage by National Capitol Public Housing, it has been transformed into a summer program teen center by Mrs. Lanier with a little paint and two borrowed fans.

She also supervises a summer program for small children a few blocks away and hopes to open an adult center.

Mrs. Lanier works full time in the Community Education Division of Federal City College where she is also a student in arbitration and mediation. She has been given a scholarship to continue her studies.

What else does she do? "Oh, boy," she says with a laugh. . .

"member of the Friendship House Board of Directors, Neighborhood Service Club, Capper Citizens for a Better Community, board of the Cooperative Buying Club, Mt. Joy Jubilee Chorus; Vice-chairman Neighborhood Advisory Council, president Capper Recreation Council, delegate to the 1968 Democratic Convention." And it goes on.

In the midst of it all, she is serene. Somehow it all fits in, even good food.

But where are the chitterlings, you ask? "Well, I have sort of a special thing I do . . . I'd kind of like to keep that one," she says slyly.

Well, maybe if you ask her you'll have better luck.

Ham

Pre-cook 10-12 pound smoked ham for about 20 minutes in small amount of boiling water. Remove skin and excess fat and save with water and juices for cooking collard greens below.

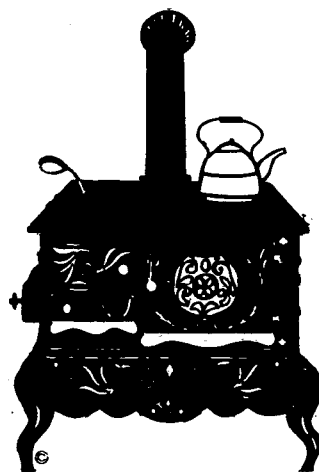
Combine for sauce:

1 heaping tablespoon prepared mustard
1 cup sugar (brown or white)
good dash of cinnamon
dash of powdered cloves
1 medium can crushed pineapple, including juice

Mix and pour over 10-12 lb. smoked ham. Sprinkle 1/4 cup sugar or Karo syrup over the top. Place cherries, sliced peaches, sliced apples, or other decoration on top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 12 minutes per pound.

Collard Greens

Pick over and wash about 2 lbs. of collard greens. Then soak in salt water for 15 to 20 minutes. Wash again, leaf by leaf, under running water. Place in deep pot with ham skin and water and juices left over after pre-cooking the ham. Boil until tender, about 20 minutes to 1/2 hour. Serves 8.



Potato Salad

2 1/2 lbs. potatoes, boiled and diced
3 large onions, chopped
1 small bunch celery, chopped
6 hard boiled eggs, chopped
1 small jar relish or 8 large sweet pickles, chopped
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
2 large green peppers, chopped
1 small jar pimento, chopped
2 tablespoons chives, chopped
1/4 cup stuffed green olives, chopped
Approximately 1 quart mayonnaise
salt, pepper, and paprika to taste.

Combine and refrigerate. Serves 8.



The Government Printing Office at N. Capitol St. and G, NW, has a beautiful book of color photographs of the earth taken by the Gemini astronauts which sells for only \$8.

This statement was meant to lead me into a discussion of the merits of the Government Printing Office, which is a great source of information on a variety of subjects for not very much money, but that will have to wait.

I have overwhelming feelings about man landing on the moon, and since I am given these few inches of space to fill with my thoughts, I have to fill them with thoughts on the moon.

The moon causes problems at our house. My husband, the editor, doesn't think we should have spent so much money to get there. (Is it unfair of me to say he is crazy about his pipe which is made of a new material developed for spacecraft nosecones?)

I agree our priorities are tragically wrong, but I can't help being excited about being present for the beginning of a new era. Have you ever wondered how you would have reacted had you been alive during any of the great turning points of history?

Had you been alive in 500 A.D. would you have agreed with the organized Christian Church that no human being could possibly live south of the equator?

Were you a creature of the late 1400's, would you have scoffed at giving money to Columbus so he could sail off the edge of the earth?

Have you ever wondered if you had been there in 1634 would you have believed Galileo or would you have clung to your belief that the earth was stationary in the center of the universe?

It wasn't long ago when one's belief as to the possibility of landing men on the moon was enough to separate the crackpots from the normal people. But we have done it.

So you are here in 1969. We now know we live on one planet of one star which is 30,000 light years from the center of a galaxy of perhaps 100 billion stars. And it is likely there are billions more galaxies in the universe.

And our little planet is the only one with life? How can we not want to find out?

Look at that picture of our pink and blue and white earth rising over the desolate moon.

Is this the home of the most advanced form of life in the universe? Have we alone been blessed with air and water and earth? What are we doing with it, and with our fellow creatures?

Perspective. New perspectives can realign priorities. Maybe we can get back down to earth by going to the moon.

CAPITOL EAST, SOUTHWEST SCHOOLS PRE-SCHOOLS

Elementary

BLAIR, 6th and I, NE. 629-2485.
 BLOW, 19th and Benning Rd., NE. 629-2465.
 BRENT, 3rd and D, SE. 629-2440.
 BRYAN, 13th and Independence Ave., SE. 629-2511.
 BUCHANAN, 13th and E, SE. 629-2529.
 EDMONDS, 9th and D, SE. 629-2482.
 GIBBS, 18th and E, NE. 629-3318.
 GIDDINGS, 3rd and G, SE. LI 7-5756.
 GODING, 9th and F, NE. (Model School) 629-2711.
 HAYES, 5th and D, NE. 629-2623.
 KINGSMAN, 14th and E, SE. 629-2549.
 LENOX, 5th and G, SE. 629-2619.
 LOGAN, 3rd and G, SE. 629-2400.
 LOVEJOY, 12th and D, NE. 629-2466.
 LUDLOW, 6th and G, NE. 629-2480.
 MADISON, 10th and G, NE. 629-2609.
 MINER, 615 15th, NE. 629-2463.
 PAYNE, 15th and C, NE. 629-2487.
 PEABODY, 5th and C, NE. 629-2516.

TAYLOR, 7th and G, NE. 629-2429.
 TYLER, 10th and G, SE. 629-2570.
 VAN NESS, 5th and M, SE. 629-2520.
 WATKINS, 12th and E, SE. 629-2688.
 WILSON, 6th and K, NE. 629-2449.

SOUTHWEST TRI-SCHOOL
 AMIDON, 4th and I, SW. 629-2722.
 Kindergarten and grades 3 and 4.
 BOWEN, Delaware Ave. and M, SW. 629-2606. Kindergarten and grades 5 and 6.
 SYPHAX, Half and N, SW. 629-2474. Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2.

Junior High

BROWNE, 24th and Benning Rd., NE. 629-2636.
 ELIOT, 18th and Constitution Ave., NE. 629-2475.
 HAMILTON, 6th and Brentwood Parkway, NE. 629-3542.

HINE, 7th and C, SE. 629-4475.
 RANDALL, 1st and I, SW. 629-2447.
 STUART, 4th and E, NE. 629-2570.
 TERRELL, 1st and Pierce, NW. 629-2985.

Senior High

EASTERN, 17th and E. Capitol St. 629-4621.
 DUNBAR, 1st and N, NW. 629-4678.
 WESTERN, 35th and R, NW. 629-4669.

Vocational

CHAMBERLAIN, Potomac Ave. and Ives Place, SE. 629-4594.
 PHELPS, 24th and Benning Rd., NE. 629-4680.

Parochial

HOLY COMFORTER, 15th and E. Capitol LI 7-7556.
 ST. CECILIA'S, 601 E. Capitol St. LI 3-2595.
 ST. PETERS, 422 3rd St., SE. 544-1618.

Private

CAPITOL HILL DAY SCHOOL. Preschool and kindergarten at Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St.,

LI 3- 5455; grades 1-3 at Christ Church, 620 G St., SE, 547-9300.
 THE HAWTHORNE SCHOOL, high school, 501 I St., SW. 554-3144.

Pre-school

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION PRE-SCHOOL

Cooperative pre-schools for children ages three to five. Capacities in programs listed below are between 20 and 30 children. One teacher and an aide plus Neighborhood Youth Corps workers and parent assistance in each center.

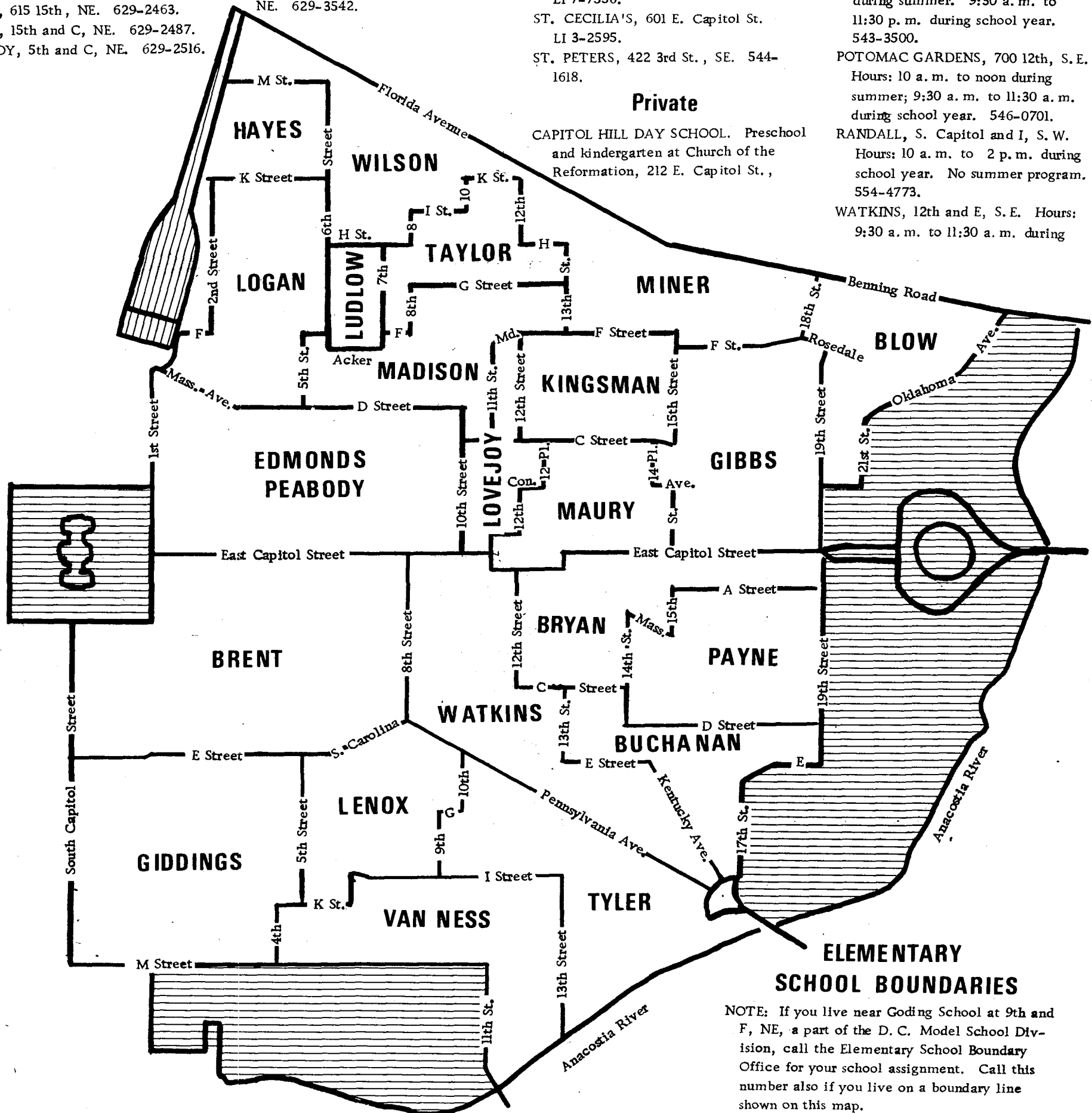
ARTHUR CAPPER, 5th and K, S. E. Hours: 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. during summer; 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. during school year. LI 7-8900.

GREENLEAF Recreation Center, 2nd and N, S. W. Hours: 10 a. m. to noon and 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. during summer. 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m. during school year. 543-3500.

POTOMAC GARDENS, 700 12th, S. E. Hours: 10 a. m. to noon during summer; 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. during school year. 546-0701.

RANDALL, S. Capitol and I, S. W. Hours: 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. during school year. No summer program. 554-4773.

WATKINS, 12th and E, S. E. Hours: 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. during



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

NOTE: If you live near Goding School at 9th and F, NE, a part of the D. C. Model School Division, call the Elementary School Boundary Office for your school assignment. Call this number also if you live on a boundary line shown on this map.

HEADSTART DAY CARE

school year. No summer program.
546-1360.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Open to children within the districts of the schools listed below who are four years old by December 31, 1969. Openings for 20 children in the morning class and 20 children in the afternoon class.

BRENT, 3rd and D, S. E. 629-2440.

TYLER, 10th and G, S. E. 629-2570.

AMIDON, 4th and I, S. W. 629-2722.

PRIVATE PRE-SCHOOLS

CAPITOL HILL CO-OP PLAYSCHOOL

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 4th and Independence Ave., SE. Two year olds. Capacity: 24. Two groups of eight meet twice weekly; one group of eight meets once a week. Parents provide supervision. Charges: \$15 a semester; \$30 a year. Chairman: Mrs. William Borum. Waiting list. Call membership secretary at 543-0435.

CAPITOL HILL CO-OP NURSERY

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 4th and Independence Ave., SE. Ages three and four. Three mornings a week from 9:30 a. m. to noon. One teacher. Parents participation required. Charges: \$18 a month. Waiting list. President: Mrs. Eugene Krizek, 547-2714.

CAPITOL HILL DAY SCHOOL NURSERY

212 E. Capitol St. Four year olds. Capacity: 20. One teacher and one assistant. Charges: \$450 a year. Has openings. 544-7666.

CAPITOL HILL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Location uncertain at press time. Capacity: 75. Ages two years, nine months to six years. Three teachers and three assistants. Hours: 8:45 a. m. to 11:45 a. m. Third year students until 2 p. m. Charges: \$15 application fee; \$50 refundable deposit; \$475 tuition a year. Full scholarships available. Waiting list. President: Richard Wolf. 543-3727. P. O. Box 8866, D. C.

CHRIST CHILD HOUSE PRE-SCHOOL

608 Massachusetts Ave., NE. Ages four and five. Capacity: 15 in a. m. session from 9 to 12 and 15 in p. m. session from 1 to 3. One teacher and one aide per class. Charges on a sliding scale. Has openings. Mrs. Jenice Massey, 546-1500.

RIVER PARK KINDERGARTEN, 1301

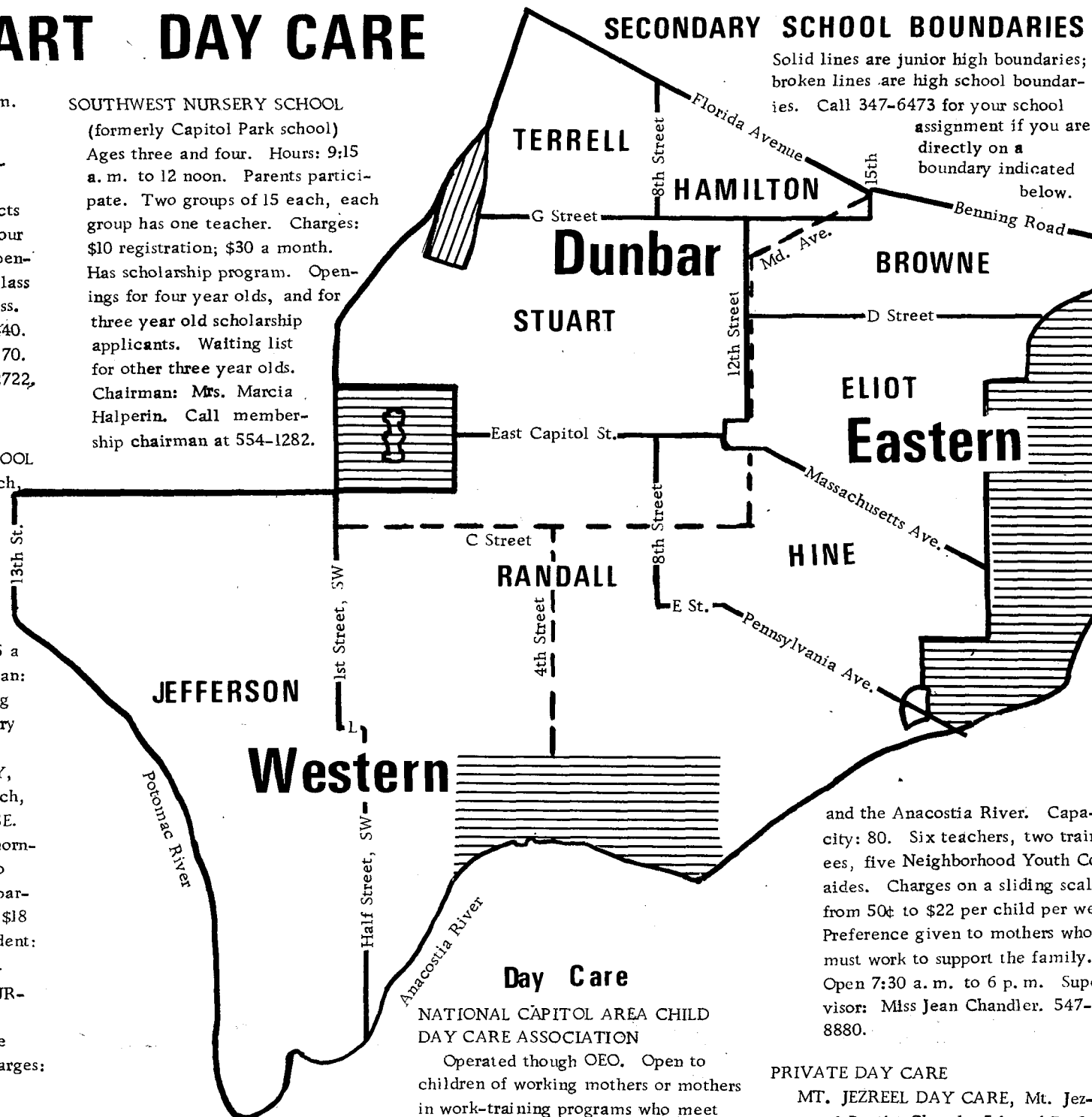
Delaware Ave., SW. Jr. kindergarten, 4 1/2 years; sr. kindergarten, 5 years. Capacity: 15. One teacher. Hours: 11:30 a. m. to 1:45 p. m. Children bring lunch. Charges: \$50 a month for non-residents of River Park; \$40 a month for residents. Openings. Mrs. Charles Berns, 966-8960 or 966-3522 between 3 and 7 p. m.

RIVER PARK NURSERY SCHOOL;

1301 Delaware Ave., SW. Ages three and four. Capacity: 20. Two teachers. Hours: 9 to 11:30 a. m. Charges: participating, \$27 a month; non-participating, \$40. Preference given to River Park residents. Waiting list. Mrs. Charles Berns, 966-8960 or 966-3522 between 3 and 7 p. m.

SOUTHWEST NURSERY SCHOOL

(formerly Capitol Park school) Ages three and four. Hours: 9:15 a. m. to 12 noon. Parents participate. Two groups of 15 each, each group has one teacher. Charges: \$10 registration; \$30 a month. Has scholarship program. Openings for four year olds, and for three year old scholarship applicants. Waiting list for other three year olds. Chairman: Mrs. Marcia Halperin. Call membership chairman at 554-1282.



Headstart

CAPITOL HEAD START

Applicants must be four or five years old and must meet OEO poverty guidelines. There is one teacher and one aide for each class of 15. Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

DOUGLAS Memorial Church, 14th and H, N. E. One class of 15. LI 7-9561.

ST. MARKS Episcopal Church, 3rd and A, S. E. Two classes of 15 each. LI 3-0053.

CHRIST Methodist Church, 900 4th St., S. W. Two classes of 15 each. 347-3998.

MT. JOY Baptist Church, 734 1st St., S. W. One class of 15. 393-9604.

PUBLIC SCHOOL HEAD START

Applicants must be four or five years old and must meet OEO poverty guidelines. There is one teacher and one aide for each class of 15. Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

BOWEN, Delaware Ave. and M, S. W. This program will accept 3 1/2 year olds. Capacity: 120. 629-2606.

BUCHANAN, 13th and E, S. E. Capacity: 150. 629-2529.

LENOX, 5th and G, S. E. Capacity: 60. 629-2619.

MINER, 615 15th St., N. E. Capacity: 195. 629-2463.

PEABODY, 5th and C, N. E. Capacity: 105. 629-2516.

WILSON, 6th and K, N. E. Capacity: 105. 629-2449.

Day Care

NATIONAL CAPITOL AREA CHILD DAY CARE ASSOCIATION

Operated through OEO. Open to children of working mothers or mothers in work-training programs who meet OEO poverty guidelines. No charge for those meeting poverty guidelines. Some non-poverty children accepted with charges on a sliding scale from 50¢ a week when openings are available. Hours: 7:30 a. m. to 6 p. m.

CAPITOL EAST DAY CARE, Church of the Brethren, 337 N. Carolina Ave., S. E. Capacity: 35. Two teachers and an assistant teacher. Supervisor: Mrs. Millie Buck. 546-3676. Waiting list.

CAPITOL HILL DAY CARE, Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St. Open to children of mothers in the Washington Concentrated Employment Program. Free transportation. Capacity: 30. Two teachers and three aides. Supervisor: Mrs. Antonette Harmon. Hours: 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. 547-3886. Waiting list.

EBENEZER DAY CARE, Ebenezer Methodist Church, 420 D St., S. E. Capacity: 24. Two teachers and an aide. Supervisor: Mrs. Millie Buck. 547-5577. Waiting list.

LIBERTY DAY CARE, 527 Kentucky Ave., S. E. Two teachers, two aides and an assistant teacher. Supervisor: Mrs. Millie Buck. 547-7621. W. L.

MT. MORIAH DAY CARE, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 1636 E. Capitol St. Capacity: 48. Three teachers and six aides. Has openings. Supervisor: Lillian Sugarmann. 543-6795.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE DAY CARE

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE, 619 D St., S. E. Open to children three to eleven years of age who live in near S. E. bounded by E. and S. Capitol Sts.

PRIVATE DAY CARE

MT. JEZREEL DAY CARE, Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church, 5th and E, S. E. Open to children two to six years of age. Capacity: 50. Six teachers and nine aides. Hours: 6:45 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Charges: \$15 a week with transportation both ways; \$13.25 a week with transportation one way; \$12.50 a week without transportation. Supervisor: Mrs. Alberta Swann. 544-6174. Has openings.

ST. MONICA'S DAY CARE, St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 1340 Massachusetts Ave., S. E. Open to children ages two to five. Capacity: 40. Four teachers. Charges: \$70 per month; \$10 for transportation. Hours: 7 a. m. to 5:45 p. m. Supervisor: Mrs. Patricia C. Eakins. LI 7-3010. Has openings.

BERTI-VELL DAY CARE, 1200 Canal St., SW. Ages two to four. Capacity: 30. Hours: 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. Charges: \$15 a week; \$2.50 for transportation. Four teachers. Supervisor: Mrs. Mildred Nelson. LI 3-7752. Waiting list.

PLAYMATE DAY NURSERY, 1000 S. Carolina Ave., SE. Ages two through five. (Older children taken during the summer) Capacity: 26. Hours: 7 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Three teachers. Charges: \$15.50 a week; \$18 a week with transportation. Director: Mrs. Cora Clanton. LI 4-6084. May have openings.

REHOBOTH DAY CARE, Rehoboth Baptist Church, 1324 I St., SW. Ages two through five. Capacity: 35. Charges: \$10 a week; no breakfast included. Hours: 7 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Director: Mrs. Minnie Carter. 546-3150.

AS we go to press, the DC City Council is under great pressure to rescind its opposition to the Three Sisters Bridge and the North Central Freeway. Congress is attempting to blackmail the Council by holding up subway money until the Council changes its position. The Nixon Administration is blackmailing the Council by threatening to hold up other needed city funds and by threatening to demand the resignation of balky councilmen. Democratic National Committeeman Channing Phillips states very clearly why the Council should not give in to such threats.

THE City Council last December decided that these freeways should not be built. This decision was strongly supported by the Democratic Central Committee and dozens of other community groups. Since nothing has occurred since December which would justify any city planner in changing this decision, the National Capital Planning Commission has refused to reconsider its decision.

What has occurred since December is that Congressman Natcher has repeated his determination to blackmail the city. He, supported by other Con-

gressmen beholden to the highway lobby, has refused to provide appropriations for the subway unless the freeways are built. Now we are hearing from Congressman Broyhill that the city's revenue proposals will be rejected by Congress unless the City Council changes its vote on the freeways.

I believe that the freeways should not be built because they are bad for this city. But this is not the issue today. The issue is whether this community

Freeways and freedom

Channing Phillips

will permit Congress to blackmail us -- whether the city government will bow to Congressional threats.

It is being said that the subway is more important than the Three Sisters Bridge. But everyone knows that blackmailers, when successful, almost always demand more and more. If the Three Sisters Bridge can be obtained for this year's subway appropriations, the North Central Freeway can be forced

on the community by withholding next year's subway funds. This same method can then be used to force other programs on the District government.

If Congressman Natcher is to run the District government, let him do it directly and openly. There is no need for the City Council to do his dirty work for him. If Congress wants to ruin this city by paving it over with freeways, it perhaps has the power to do so. But all District citizens should oppose these actions to the extent they can. At the very least, the Council should not allow Congress to make their tyranny look as if it has local support.

This situation emphasizes once again the critical importance of self-government. This is perhaps the most flagrant example of how Congress runs this city as a colony paying no attention whatever to the opinions of our citizens. We will never have good, progressive government in this city as long as the city government can be made to dance by Congressmen who represent 'constituencies' hundreds of miles away. Until we get the self-government we are entitled to, we should at least stand up like men against our colonial masters. While the subway is of course of great importance, the price of freedom has always been high. We therefore call upon the City Council to continue to do what they and we know is right, to refuse to bow to Congressional threats.

Letters

The pool affair

I WAS very interested in the article "A Nearly Full Account of the Nearly Empty Pools" in the July edition. The article is accurate except for your statement that last year the Recreation Advisory Board did not notice that the Department forgot to ask for \$120,000 for per diem pay increases. The Fiscal Year 1969 Recreation budget was considered by the old Recreation Board; the new community Recreation Advisory Board was not appointed until August 1968, several months after the Fiscal Year 1969 budget was approved.

Another small sidelight to your story is that the new Recreation Advisory Board only learned of the plans to keep the pools closed during the May 28, 1969, meeting when I asked Mr. Cole (recreation director) to comment on reports I had received from several recreation workers that the department was bankrupt. Mr. Cole then explained about his plans to cut back services because he foresaw a budget deficit. On the morning of May 29, I alerted the Mayor's Office and the City Council to the impending disaster. However, out of their concern for departmental programs, recreation employees were breaking the story to the press at about the same time I was calling the Mayor's Office.

There is no question in my mind but that had the department informed the board of the deficit (which it knew about certainly as early as last February) the Board could have been instrumental in securing funds for the department as it had been in securing two special requests during this past fiscal year. Unfortunately, the department is so close-mouthed about its problems that high level insiders within the department did not even know the extent of the budget problems that were in the making.

My real concern is that there has been no change in the department's budgetary process so there is every likelihood that we will have a repetition of this kind of fiasco in the years ahead.

Robert Berg
Member, Recreation Advisory
Board

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We have received a lengthy letter from James Geraus, the former budget officer described in the article who Cole claims failed to in-

clude the \$120,000 per diem pay increase in the budget. Geraus documents a request for \$128,000 in pay increases that was included in the budget.

Upon checking this out, however, we find that apparently this was an earlier request and not the one referred to in the article.

The subsequent request (the one mentioned) was not included in the original budget because it was not approved by the old Recreation Board until June 11, 1968, after the budget had been submitted. No action was taken, however, to obtain additional funds from Congress in a supplemental request. Thus the money was apparently spent without authorization from Congress. And it would seem that the blame for this must rest squarely on Cole's shoulders.

Further, Geraus's letter includes a memo he wrote Cole on November 22, 1968, pointing out overages in the department's budget of approximately \$178,000. This memo strongly supports our contention that Cole knew of the department's shaky financial condition months ago and just let it slide. This \$178,000 when added to the over-looked \$120,000 in pay increases comes to \$298,000, or just short of the \$313,000 that Cole "suddenly" needed in May.)

Mixing paint

CHRIS Vaughn, on behalf of the W. R. Winslow Paint Co., wishes to thank the Capitol East Gazette and Mrs. Marguerite Kelly for the article in the May issue on the colorist at Winslow Paint.

The colorist, Chris Vaughn, says: "I do have trouble shading the color of pollen on the bottom of a bee's foot. Reason: I have hay fever."

W. R. Winslow Paint Co.

NE problems

THIS is a vast community with many home owners. There are 85 private homes on Lang Place NE, where I live, 85 private homes on Lyman Place (the next street over from Lang). Then there is L Street and M Streets NE with about 50 private homes. We are surrounded by R. F. Saul and Stewart & Proctor apartment buildings. You would think that heads of the Recreation Department would meet with mem-

bers of the community to map out the community and the city. As taxpayers we would think that the money would be spent wisely, if we could see where the youth in this community could benefit from it.

I was chairman of the City View Heights Civic Association for five years. In this length of time I invited Mr. Joseph Cole, one of the head men in the field of recreation to look at some property that belongs to the District located at 19th & L Sts. NE to be made into a tot lot for the small children in our area with swings, sliding board and other equipment for children ranging in ages from 3 to 11 years. This lot is of red clay and at present is an eye sore to the community. To make a tot lot would add to the community and would lend an air which is desirable of all respectable neighborhoods.

We have many talented young people in our neighborhood. For them to practice in their yards and in their basements brings in too many outsiders. Therefore, they have no place to practice. We have been unable to get the "Showmobile" to help relieve this problem.

Another great problem is the one swimming pool at 17th & Rosedale Sts. NE. For this vast community we have asked that portable swimming pools be put at Maryland Ave. and M Sts. NE and at Sherwood Playground between 9th & 10th on F NE. These two portable pools would keep the children from crossing troubled streets and going a long distance from home, standing in lines for hours, and being able to get in the pool for just a short time.

Mr. Green and Mr. Derias, who are in charge of the recreation for this area, are unknown to the community and with the little interest that is shown from their office in Spingarn High School basement, a replacement is greatly needed.

We know you can realize how much it means to us in the community knowing that money is appropriated for the betterment of the community and is not being utilized properly.

This letter could be longer than it is, but realizing many more articles will be sent in by other groups, we hope you will give us the opportunity to relate to you the other ills of our community at a later date.

Kittie E. Stokes
Lang Place NE

Charles McDowell Jr.

THE President of the United States is briefed every morning by the Central Intelligence Agency, and we all fervently hope he then faces the day knowing more than the rest of us.

For a morning briefing, I have to do the best I can. I am briefed by recorded voices on the telephone.

Although I may learn less important things than President Nixon, I start the day informed, inspired, and somehow reassured that I am in touch with certain fundamental things.

Take yesterday, for instance. A recorded voice told me what time it was, and I synchronized my watch with the cosmos. Then I dialed weather and was told to expect a sunny day with a high near 80, followed by a clear cool evening.

Dial-a-Satellite, a service of the Smithsonian Institution, tossed in the information that 1,692 objects currently were orbiting in space -- a reduction of one since the day before "due to the decay of one piece of United States debris." I wondered if President Nixon knew that. In any case, it was the kind of knowledge that helps a man to face the day feeling contemporary.

Next I dialed the Voice of the Naturalist, my favorite briefer because he is almost always reassuring in a world being circled by 1,692 objects. The Voice of the Naturalist, a recorded service of the Audubon Society, said a snowy egret had been sighted near Sycamore Landing not as precisely punctual as Echo II but more or less on schedule for a snowy egret.

Blackburnian, bay-breasted and chestnut-sided warblers had been reported along the C&O Canal, but the Connecticut warblers were running late, along with Traill's flycatcher.

"We haven't heard anything exciting from the Eastern Shore," said the Voice of the Naturalist, "but we are looking forward to reports on the avocets and stilts." This phase of the briefing is almost always optimistic like that.

The voice went on to say that "a crack three-man birding team" had spotted 189 species of birds in 18 hours in Maryland -- a record one-day, one-state total.

As if that weren't enough good news for one morning, the voice added in poetic tones: "One can hear the whip-poor-will and chuck-will's-widow calling in the evening."

The bird bulletins were so interesting that I almost forgot my responsibility to monitor Congress. A call to the House cloakroom activated a recorded voice that said the House would meet at noon to vote on a supplemental appropriations bill. Dull. The Senate was not in session.

Since I might be getting home early that evening, how about a movie? Dial-a-Movie said only four films in town were "suitable for the entire family." The children had seen two and I would not be dragged to the other two. Ten movies were suitable for teen-agers and adults; any of those would leave out the two smaller children. Sixteen

were "morally objectionable" in part or entirely for anyone guided by the judgments of the National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures. Although not so guided, I decided against a movie.

Dial-a-Museum offered a family alternative -- the Smithsonian was showing a film on transatlantic flight at 8 p.m. and the original NC4 had been "reassembled on the mall."

Now for spiritual inspiration. Dial-a-Saint, yes, Dial-a-Saint-- presented a message from St. Paul, sponsored by a cafeteria. Dial-a-Devotion, sponsored by a church near Rockville, Md., present-

ed a little sermon on the theme "Where are You Going?"

I decided to recommend that the family go into the back yard after supper to watch for Echo II, think about the astronauts circling the moon, and listen for the whip-poor-will.

Then, after making one more call to complete my morning briefing, I drove to work contemplating the message of Dial-a-Prayer: "Let us come to each new day with freshness of mind, and may our sense of wonder never cease."

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

The Swampoodle Report!

Josiah X. Swampoodle

PERHAPS some of the more intelligent and sensitive readers of the Gazette wondered where I was last month. The editor says this can't be confirmed by any mail he received but he's over thirty and not to be trusted.

There have been some rumors circulating that I had sold out to the establishment. This is not true. In fact, I did investigate selling out to the establishment, but upon checking out that body's credit rating, I changed my mind.

Anyway, the closest thing to a decent offer that I got was one from the District Building. They wanted to hire me to keep Jimmy Jones, Joe Cole, John Staggers, Stan Anderson and the other 45 youth directors, coordinators and consultants cool this summer. District officials are seriously worried about what might happen if these youth leaders were to escalate their personal feuding by calling out their young troops. Just the other day, a scheduled aquatic rumble at a walk-to-learn-to-sink-or-swim pool was narrowly averted when Cole forgot to turn on the water.

I told the District Building that the job was too big for me and suggested that they assign a roving leader to each of the youth coordinators or else send them all out of town to camp. It really is dangerous to have a city where the leaders of youth gangs earn an average of \$18,000 a year.

I finally decided to go back to writing a column a few hours before last month's paper went to the printer. The editor told me it was too late; I had missed the deadline. I pointed out to him that not all journalists face the same problems and that he should adjust his deadlines to the needs of the individual writer. While it is true that I have missed most deadlines since 1954, I was now ready to enter serious negotiations to solve this problem with all deliberate speed. The editor said that what was good enough for the Department of Health Education and Welfare was not good enough for him. Some people just don't have the feel of the times.

Lots has been happening in the meantime. President Nixon has been especially interesting. You have to give the man credit for the way that he handled the Knowles affair. Nixon is probably the first man in history to break a doctor's appointment at the last minute and not get billed for it. Fortunately he quickly got another medical man in the administration. He's going to be needed. There are

signs of acute schizophrenia developing downtown. Secretary Finch is fighting Attorney General Mitchell, Daniel Moynihan is fighting Arthur Burns, HUD is fighting the White House, Agnew is fighting Richard Nixon and Richard Nixon is fighting the President. Everything's so splintered that all it takes is for J. Strom Thurmond and Everett Dirksen to get together and they have a working majority.

This tends to make the Administration look conservative. In fact, if the Nixon policy turns any sharper to the right, it's going to have to be banked for safety.

For example, the Justice Department announced the other day that the courts couldn't tell the President when and whom he could wiretap if the national security was at stake. This is probably the only case on record of the Constitution being amended by press release.

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew has called for a law banning the distribution of "inflammatory propaganda." By standards used in the past, such a law would close down every library in the country with the exception of the executive book collection of the Shick Razor Company.

The President has proposed legislation that would permit DC residents to be preventively detained. The Chief Justice wants to do away with the Fifth Amendment. And my wife has started opening my mail.

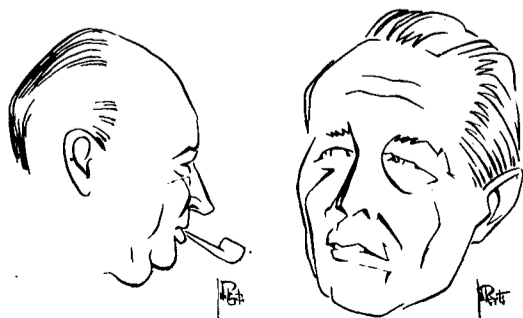
But I say, keep calm. There is no need to worry until the trains start running on time.

It doesn't even upset me that the Pentagon has committed \$54.2 million for the production of multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicles, even though Congress hasn't approved the plan. As the gentlemen at the Defense Department so rightly explained, it was only a "routine follow-up contracting procedure" that "definitized the general contract for production." What's wrong with that?

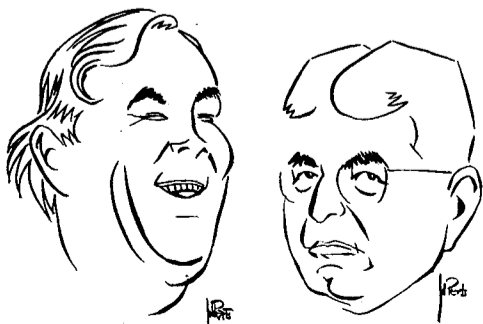
There's a bright side to everything. Just the other day, it was discovered that there was more DDT in mother's milk than in that produced by cows. Immediately, the Agriculture Department assigned a task force to determine whether a warning should be printed on each centerspread of Playboy magazine. So you see, we are making progress.

In case of enemy attack, however, just follow the big black limosines with the telephones in the back, and I'll see you next month. If there is one.

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